



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370-5100

CRS
Docket No: 3270-00
30 November 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 29 November 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 24 October 1968 at age 23. The record reflects that you received four nonjudicial punishments for unauthorized absences totalling 8 days, absence from your appointed place of duty, disrespect, and damaging government property. You were also convicted by a summary court-martial of a 15 day period of unauthorized absence. The sentence extended to confinement for 30 days, forfeiture of \$88, and a reduction to paygrade E-1. Subsequently, on 7 December 1970 you were separated under honorable conditions and transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve.

Character of service is based, in part, on one's conduct and proficiency averages, both of which are computed from marks assigned during periodic evaluations. Your conduct and proficiency averages were 3.9 and 4.0, respectively. A minimum average conduct mark of 4.0 was required for a fully honorable characterization of service at the time of your separation.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all

potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity and the contention that the sentence of your summary court-martial was too harsh. However, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your five disciplinary actions and since your conduct average was insufficiently high to warrant a fully honorable discharge. In this regard, the Board believed that your summary court-martial sentence was not too harsh. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director